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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant : Beatrice GAUGLER et al.
Serial No. : 09/579,543
Filed : May 26, 2000
For : ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR
TUMOR REJECTION ANTIGEN PRECURSOR MAGE-4
AND 41 AND USES THEREOF
Art Unit : 1642
Examiner : Alana Harris

April 16, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Further to the discussion with the examiner, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace claims 61, 64 & 66 with the following:

- (Claim 61: An isolated DNA molecule which encodes a MAGE-4 or MAGE-41 tumor rejection antigen precursor expressed by melanoma cells, comprising one of:
- (i) nucleotides 625-1575 of SEQ ID NO: 13;
 - (ii) nucleotides 625-1575 of SEQ ID NO: 14; or
 - (iii) nucleotides 1-670 of SEQ ID NO: 15.

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- Claim 64: An isolated DNA molecule which encodes a MAGE-4 or MAGE-4L tumor rejection antigen precursor comprising one of:
- (i) nucleotides 625-1578 of SEQ ID NO: 13;
 - (ii) nucleotides 625-1578 of SEQ ID NO: 14; or
 - (iii) nucleotides 1-670 of SEQ ID NO: 15.

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- Claim 66: An isolated DNA molecule consisting of:
- (i) nucleotides 625-1578 of SEQ ID NO: 13;
 - (ii) nucleotides 625-1578 of SEQ ID NO: 14; or
 - (iii) nucleotides 1-670 of SEQ ID NO: 15.

REMARKS

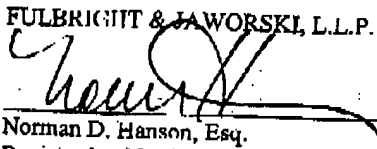
The foregoing replacement claims were amended as per discussions with the examiner. "Genomic" is deleted from the claims. Claim 66, written in "consisting of" language, differs clearly from claims 61 & 64, written in "comprising" format. In claims 61 & 64, there is a difference in nucleotide length.

Further with respect to the discussions with the examiner, the papers regarding a change in inventorship are presented.

Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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